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History and Final Disposition

LD 1959 / SP0697

Original Title: An Act To Ensure Transmission and Distribution Utility Accountability. New Title: An Act Regarding Utility Accountability and Grid Planning for Maine's Clean Energy Future. Presented by Senator BRENNER of Cumberland. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. Public Hearing 02/22/22. (OTP-AM) Report A Accepted 04/20/22. Amended by: CA S-550, HA/CA (Changed Title) H-1043. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/02/22, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 702.

Original Bill

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Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

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Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

- Master file available on request—please include citation: cf130-LD-1959.pdf
[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(EUT\) \(02/22/2022\)](#)
[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(EUT\) \(03/18/2022\)](#)
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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-0550\) \(LD 1959 2022\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(S-0551\) \(LD 1959 2022\)](#)

[Amendment CC \(S-0552\) \(LD 1959 2022\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-0575\) \(LD 1959 2022\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-1043\) \(LD 1959 2022\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HB/CA \(H-1044\) \(LD 1959 2022\)](#)

[Amendment SB/CA \(S-0583\) \(LD 1959 2022\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[SENATE, February 10, 2022 \(S-1441-1472\)](#)

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[HOUSE, February 16, 2022 \(H-1096-1115\)](#)

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[HOUSE, April 19, 2022 \(H-1480-1507\)](#)

p. H-1498 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p1502, 1503)) (Amendment(s) S-550, S-551, S-552, S-575)

[SENATE, April 19, 2022 \(S-1981-2019\)](#)

p. S-1987 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p1991, 1992)) (Amendment(s) S-550, S-551, S-552, S-575)

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p. H-1527 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p1528)) (Amendment(s) S-550, S-575, S-583, H-1043)

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p. H-1531 (Amendment(s) H-1043, S-550)

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p. S-2033 (Remarks) (Amendment(s) S-550, S-575, S-583)

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p. S-2037 (Amendment(s) S-575, S-583, S-550, H-1043)

[SENATE, April 25, 2022 \(S-2038-2092\)](#)

p. S-2064 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s)(p2065)) (Amendment(s) H-1043, S-550)

Enacted Law or Resolve

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News Articles

Mills wants clearer standards for electric utilities (David Sharp) (Bangor Daily News, 2/3/2022, p. B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/BDN 220203G.pdf)

Mills yet to win broad political support for her utility overhaul (Caitlin Andrews) (Bangor Daily News, 2/4/2022, p. A1, A10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/BDN 220204A.pdf)

Electric utilities should be held to higher standards (Editorial) (Bangor Daily News, 2/10/2022, p. 5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/BDN 220210C.pdf)

Proposed utility oversight faces wide-ranging opposition (Peter McGuire) (Portland Press Herald, 2/23/2022, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220223B.pdf)

Gov Mills prepares bill that would hold electric utilities accountable (Tux Turkel) (Portland Press Herald, 2/2/2022, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220202A.pdf)

Maine utilities oppose proposal on accountability (Caitlin Andrews) (Bangor Daily News, 2/23/2022, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/BDN 220223A.pdf)

Consumer-owned utility could lower cost of electricity for Mainers (John Brautigam) (Bangor Daily News, 3/8/2022, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/BDN 220308G.pdf)

Getting to work for ratepayers (William Harwood) (Maine Sunday Telegram, 2/20/2022, p. D2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/MST 220220D.pdf)

Dozens weigh in at hearing on utility reform (Edward D. Murphy) (Portland Press Herald, 3/19/2022, p. A1, A8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220319B.pdf)

Lawmakers struggle to find compromise on utility reform (Tux Turkel) (Portland Press Herald, 3/22/2022, p. A1, A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220322C.pdf)

Utility accountability overhaul take hit in House (Jessica Piper) (Bangor Daily News, 4/20/2022, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/BDN 220420F.pdf)

Time is now for utility accountability, modernized energy grid (Stacy Brenner) (Portland Press Herald, 4/19/2022, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220419D.pdf)

Gov Mills electric utility accountability bill stalls in House (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 4/20/2022, p. B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220420I.pdf)

Democrats shift; utility accountability bill passes (Randy Billings) (Portland Press Herald, 4/21/2022, p. B1, B4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220421G.pdf)

Bipartisanship should be applauded (Editorial) (Ellsworth American, 4/28/2022, p. Sec. II, p. 6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/Ellsworth American 220428C.pdf)

For-profit utilities still hold the keys to our climate transition (Seth Berry) (Portland Press Herald, 4/29/2022, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 130/LD19xx/nc130-LD-1959/PPH 220429A.pdf)

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